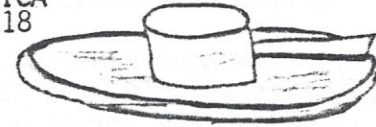


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# THE MONITOR

## 74th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Friday April 4th we will celebrate our 74th Anniversary with a nice sit down dinner. Peggy Carlson is chairman and is going all out in making it a special occasion.

Bar opens at 6:00 - dinner to be served 6:30 PM. And the price is only \$4.00 and drinks \$1.00.

On her committee is Ethel Hubbel, Alice and Ted Olson, Margaret Carlson, and anyone else who can come early and help would be appreciated. Phone Peggy Carlson at 967-9248.

On the refreshment committee after the meeting is Don and Joyce Johnson and Muriel Hjersman. Marge Skicklig is doing special decorations for the occasion.

We will be having a lot of out of town guests, and all past chairmen and 3 year officers will be honored.

Eva Allred has a special program planned "Down Memory Lane" and a Swedish sing-a-long and of course our special anniversary refreshments. This would be a good time to bring prospective members.

Three 40 year pins will be presented to Donn and Lillian Stafford and Ellarie Campbell.



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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our last meeting was somewhat unusual, at least one member described it as wild. We took advantage of the latitude to modify our format and declared an open meeting after our necessary formal items. We had many guests and this allowed them to participate.

This format was discussed in our membership seminar last September and will be presented to the Grand Lodge convention this year. If any members have comments, please let me know. We will not do this at every meeting but we can vary the format when appropriate.

I don't know the secret ingredient in Henry Hjerseman's pea soup but everyone was in a convivial mood. Our guests commented on the friendly atmosphere. Special thanks to Leo Krastins for showing his slides of Scandinavia.

Many thanks also to the members who built, decorated, and occupied our "Old Swedish Fabod" exhibit at the Camellia Festival Flower Show. We can not name them all but Didi Dahlberg who planned the concept and Ed Dahlberg who made the construction, deserve our special "Tusen Tack". It was a very effective display.

Alice and I attended the International Friendship luncheon as guests of Monitor Lodge. We thank you. It was a colorful affair. Scotland was the host nation so there were many colorful tartans. Quite a number of our members were in Swedish "dräkt". I did not add to the color since I wore my weddings and funerals suit while escorting our charming Maid of Sweden. This was Anna Maria Logus who wore the dress made by her mother, a copy of the dress she wore as a girl in Sweden.

*Ted Olson*

DUES PAYABLE IN APRIL: Ethel Hubbell and Eleanor Vine

## THE ASTROLOGER WITH THE GOLDEN NOSE

His name was **Tycho** Brahe and he was born in Skåne in 1546. However, Skåne at that time was part of Denmark and he did most of his work in that country so we must share him with Denmark.

He studied at several universities in Europe. Latin was the universal language of study at that time so scholars could move freely among institutions of learning. In 1571 his uncle provided him with an observatory in Denmark where, in 1572, he discovered a new star in the constellation Cassiopeia.

In 1575 Frederick II of Denmark granted him property and money to establish a royal observatory. The Danish court was not seriously interested in astronomy except as a means of tracking heavenly bodies for the purpose of astrological predictions. His official position was astrologer and almanac maker for the royal family.

In 1577 Tycho observed Halley's comet and was the first to prove that it came from outer space. Previously comets had been regarded as atmospheric phenomena similar to lightning.

Tycho began work on a star catalog of the fixed stars. This was not completed until after his death. The work was completed by his disciple Johannes Kepler.

After Christian IV succeeded Frederick in 1596 Tycho's support was withdrawn and he left Denmark for Prague, Bohemia where he was supported by Rudolph II. He died in Prague in 1601.

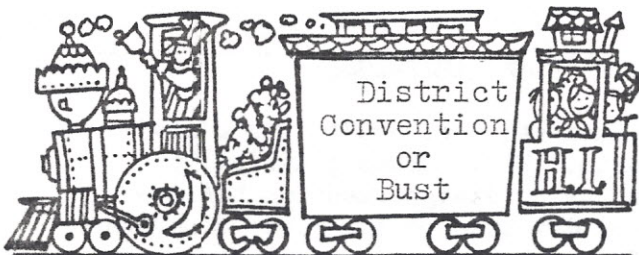
As a young man Tycho was involved in a sword duel which left him with a disfigured nose. He had an artificial nose made of gold which he wore until his death.

Ted Olson

HELP.....solve this mystery

A small box about 3 inches long with 4 small hand carved salt spoons..... missing. Did anyone see them or find them at our last meeting? Please contact Muriel Hjersman or Eva Allred

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April 25-27

Dist. Lodge Golden Gate No. 12 Conv. at Sheraton Hotel 45 John Glen Dr. Concord (680 Concord Ave. Exit)

Everyone welcome!

Hosting is Sveaborg Lodge. Theme: Scandinavian Springtime. Banquet Saturday evening \$18.00; Luncheon Sunday \$10.00. Reservations must be received by Baxter Swaffer by April 8th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Get your reservation form from Secretary Elizabeth Johnson. Regarding District Bowling, see Ruth Veis or Margaret Linn.

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DIRECTORY CHANGES:

April 4th meeting is a Dinner Meeting

Sill Frukost will be May 31st at Ed and Lucy Dahlbergs

Our Smorgasbord has been changed to November 1st. It will be bigger and better. Same band secured.

Mark all these changes on your calendar.

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Peder was rather shy, and after Greta had thrown her arms around him and kissed him for bringing her flowers, he got up and started to leave.

"I hope dat I didn't offend you," she said.

"Oh, no," he replied, "I'm going for more flowers."

PAST CHAIRMEN to be honored at meeting April 4th are:

Chairmen Donn Stafford '60, '61, '69; Charles Linn '62, '63, '72; Dedrik Anderson '64; Arlie Veis '68; Phil Olson, '70, '71; George Uffens, '73; Eleanor Vine '74, '75; Lennart Andersson, '76; Thelma Badgley, '77; Lars Ostlund, '78; Sue Bergman, '79; Linda Johnson, '80; Audrey Fales, '81; Don Johnson '82; Bernie Lundberg '83, '84 and 1 yr. at Thule Lodge #467; Ruth Lundberg, '78 Thule Lodge and 9 yrs. Secty, and Dist. Asst. Secty. Sectys. 3-yr. terms, consec. Lillian Stafford '64-'66; Ruth Veis '67-'65; Margaret Linn '72-'74; Barbara Erickson Lutz '75-'78; Muriel Hjersman '79-'81.

Treas. Vera Anderson '49-'51; Herb Johnson '71-'73 Don Johnson '79-'81.

Fin. Secty. Lillian Stafford '58-'60; Viola Hallen '72-'74; Helen Forsty '75-'77; Henry Hjersman '80-'82.

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HAPPY ....HAPPY.....BIRTHDAY

April

1	Millie Johnson	20	Engegerd Bergkvist
3	Harry Johnson	24	Margaretha Logus
4	Inez Norling	25	Roland Erickson
5	Lennart Andersson	30	Didrik Anderson
10	Emma Johnson		
17	Kirstin Olesen		



Inez Norling, one of our most active members, will be 89 April 4th (our meeting night) She rarely misses a meeting and always has a special greeting and smile. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Inez and many more. Let's all wish her our best.

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REMINDER: Bring your items April 4th for Audrey Fales to pick up and take to the Dist. Scandinavian Bazaar in Lafayette the next day



Vi hälsa välkomna  
till Monitor Loge

Gibson and Dorothy  
Kingren, Eleanor Johnson,  
och Annalena Bronson.

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### SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Coming Saturday May 10th and open  
to the public....10:30 to 3:30  
at Fruitridge Community Center,  
4000 Fruitridge Road.

Scandinavian open faced sand-  
wiches, pasteries, Aableskivers,  
coffee and punch will be served.

Lots of entertainment, Scan-  
dinavian booths for your shopping  
pleasure.

Bring your friends and relatives  
for a good time.

NOTE: For our lodge members we  
would like to have you volunteer  
baked goods to be put on sale and  
one or two hours of your time to  
help serve. Please contact Arlie  
or Ruth Veis 489-5729 if you have  
not already signed up.

Let's make Sacramento aware  
that there are Scandinavians in our  
community and we are an active  
ethnic group.

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There hasn't been anyone reported sick or in  
the hospital....several members still re-  
cuperating though.

### PROGRAM BOOK ADDITIONS:

Dorothy and Gibson Kingren, 1730 P St., Sacto.

Zip 95814, Ph. 448-3060.

Eleanor Johnson, 3120 Howe Ave., #15, Sacto.,

Zip 95821, Ph. 927-3421.

Annalena V. Bronson, 9148 Vancouver Dr., Sacto.,

Zip 95826, Ph. 362-1623.

### OLOF PALME 1927-1986

Prime minister Olof Palme of Sweden was killed  
by an unknown assassin. While often politically  
controversial there was no disagreement on his in-  
tegrity, intellect or devotion to the ideal of peace  
and disarmament. The world is poorer for this loss.

At our March meeting our Swedish flag was draped  
in his memory.



THANK YOU

BIG THANKS to our charming  
and beautiful Camellia Maid Anna  
Logus who represented our Lodge  
well at the Camellia Festivities.

Also our members who con-  
structed our "Fabod" and loaned  
items to make it authentic right  
down to a baby sleeping in one  
of the beds. I'm sure it was  
"the talk of the town" We did  
it again (last year it was the  
float) Congratulations every  
one!!

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Also THANKS to our "Peasoup and Pancake"  
Supper committee. It seems to get better every  
year and we had a good turn out. Thanks Marge  
Skicklig for remembering our birthday "barn"

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DON'T FORGET to sign up for our bus trip to  
Kingsburg on May 17th for their Scandinavian  
Festival. It should be a fun trip